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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATEMENT
ISSUED SEPTEMBER 2:

1. "A SUGGESTION WAS RECEIVED FROM AN IMPORTANT FOREIGN
SOURCE SOME WEEKS EGO THAT PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO MAY
PERSONALLY HELP TO BRING TOGETHER THE PRIME MINISTERS OF
TURKEY AND GREECE FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM
WHICH WOULD BE HONORABLE FOR BOTH THE COUNTRIES AND INSURE
JUSTICE FOR THE TURKISH AS WELL AS THE GREEK COMMUNITIES IN
CYPRUS. THE MOVER OF THE SUGGESTION INDICATED THAT THE PRIME
MINISTER WAS IN A UNIQUE POSITION FOR SUCH A ROLE BECAUSE HE
WAS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM BY MR. KARAMANLIS AND PAKISTAN ENJOYS
CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH TURKEY.

2. "IN RESPONSE, THE PRIME MINISTER MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE
HAD NO PERSONAL AMBITION TO PLAY A MEDIATORY ROLE AND THAT
HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO CAUSE ANY DISTRACTION IN, FAR LESS TO
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PREJUDICE, THE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY OTHER POWERS

TOWARDS RESOLVING THE CYPRUS SITUATION. HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT ASSUME A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE AND WITHHOLD HIS GOOD OFFICES WHEREVER THESE SHOULD BE SERVICEABLE TO WORLD PEACE.

3# "ACCORDINGLY, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WAS SENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT ANKARA AND ATHENS WHERE HE MET THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS AND OBTAINED FIRST-HAND EXPOSITION OF THE STANDPOINTS OF THE TWO SIDES.

4. "FOLLOWING HIS REPORT TO THE PRIME MINISTER, FURTHER CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED WITH THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THE PRIME MINISTER HAS KEPT HIMSELF INFORMED OF DAY-TO-DAY DEVELOPMENTS.

5. "THESE CONTACTS AFFORD SUFFICIENT REASON TO BELIEVE THAT, PROVIDED A BASIS EXISTS FOR THE PROMOTION OF A FRUITFUL BILATERAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, THE PRIME MINISTER'S ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT ONLY BE WELCOMED BY THEM BUT ALSO BE AGREEABLE TO OTHER POWERS CONCERNED WITH THE SITUATION. THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE TWO PROTAGONISTS ARE NO IRRECONCILABLE. GIVEN GOODWILL ON BOTH SIDES, IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO NEGOTIATE AN HONORABLE AGREEMENT WHICH WILL SECURE THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS, AND AT THE SAME TIME BE IN CONFROMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICES AND THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS. AS A RESULT OF EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS IN ATHENS AND ANKARA, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO WAS ENCOURAGED TO SUGGEST CERTAIN IDEAS WHICH IF FAVORABLY RECEIVED, COULD FORM THE STARTING POINT FOR A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TURKISH AND GREEK GOVERNMENTS.

6. "FROM THE REACTIONS ELICITED SO FAR, IT APPEARS IMPORTANT FORWARD STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS.

7." PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAS, THEREFORE, SIGNIFIED HIS WILLINGNESS TO VISIT THE TWO CAPITOLS IF NECESSARY AT SHORT NOTICE, COMPATIBLY WITH CERTAIN IMPORTANT COMMITMENTS AT HOME. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE PRIME MINISTER HAS RECENTLY SPOKEN TO THE PRIME MINISTERS OF TURKEY AND GREECE.

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IM ZPAKISTAN CHERISHES ITS FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH TURKEY AND IT HAS GIVEN SUPPORT TO THE TURKISH CAUSE THAT THE RIGHTS OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY MUST BE FULLY SAFEGUARDED AND THERE MUST BE NO RELAPSE TO THE SITUATION WHERE THIS COMMUNITY LIVES IN FEAR OF ANNIHILATION AND CONDITIONS OF SUBSERVIENCE. AT THE SAME TIME, PAKISTAN SHARES THE INTERNATIONALLY WIDESPREAD SENTIMENT THAT THE

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF GREECE, LED BY MR. KARAMANLIS,
MUST BE ASSISTED TO GET RID OF THE LEGACY LEFT BY THE MILITARY
JUNTAS IN ATHENS AND CYPRUS.

9. " THE PRIME MINISTER IS FIRMLY OF THE OPINION THAT AN
HONORABLE SETTLEMENT WOULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE
GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH TURKEY AND GREECE AND, BY STABILIZING
THE SITUATION IN A VERY SENSITIVE REGION, PROMOTE INTER-
NATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. WITH THIS END IN VIEW, HE
WILL USE WHATEVER OPPORTUNITY OFFERS ITSELF FOR PAKISTAN
TO PLAY A CONCRETE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE TOWARDS THE
RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM ON THE BASIS OF JUSTICE
AND EQUITY."

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